



WSA ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2024

**Social Forces and
Responses to Inequality
in the 21st Century**

Friday, November 1, 2024

**Carroll University
Campus Center**

101 N East Ave, Waukesha, WI

President's welcome message

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Hello and welcome to the 2024 Annual Meeting of the Wisconsin Sociological Association!

WSA supports collaboration across institutions, disciplines, and colleagues. Students, teachers, and researchers will share, discuss, and explore together.

This year's conference theme centers on social inequality. Thematic sessions and a keynote address by Dr. Robert Kraig, the Executive Director at Citizen Action of Wisconsin, offer thoughtful insights on social forces shaping and responding to social inequality. Other topical sessions will include the changing environment, applied sociology, health, research methodology, crime, religion, and effective pedagogy.

After the luncheon and keynote speaker, experience a highly interactive poverty simulation appropriate for use in courses or community outreach.

Gratitude goes to Carroll University, and especially Professor Jennifer Huck, for hosting the 2024 conference. Special thanks go to the WSA executive board for planning, enthusiasm, and grit in keeping the sociological home fires burning, shining brightly the lamp of inquiry and knowledge of how social forces shape each of us, our institutions, and our efforts to build more sustainable and just communities.

May this year's WSA conference inspire and challenge, as we share perspectives and research from budding and more seasoned social scientists alike!

---Wayne Thompson, WSA President



Conference Schedule

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Thursday, Oct. 31

Informal food and drinks gathering at Raised Grain Brewing in Waukesha:

<https://www.raisedgrainbrewing.com> – 6-9 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 1

Registration – opens 8 a.m. – Campus Center lobby

Session 1 – 9:00-10:15am

Session 2 – 10:30-11:45am

Luncheon – 11:50-12:20pm

WSA Student and faculty awards – 12:20pm

Keynote address 12:30-1:20pm

Poverty Simulation workshop – 1:30-2:30pm

Session 3 – 2:45-4:00pm

WSA Executive Committee 2024 Autumn meeting – 4:00-4:30pm

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Sessions & Events

Session 1 (9:00-10:15am)

Session 1A – **On Teaching Innovations in Social Science**, Boardroom 207, Presider: Jeffrey Kroll, Waukesha County Technical College

Teaching Students How to Use the Photo-Elicitation Method to Gather Data about Women's Intergenerational Experiences with Everyday Sexism – Jacqueline Clark, Ripon College

Panel discussion of emergent pedagogies: Jeffrey Kroll, Rhianan Smith, and Todd Lewis, Waukesha County Technical College

Session 1B – **On New Methods for Studying Contentious Social Issues**, Hilger Hall Oak Room A – Presider: Andrew Plotkin, Western Wisconsin Technical College

Religion, Christian Nationalism, and Social Media Influence on Christian College Student Political Engagement – Jeffrey Walz, Concordia University, and Wayne Thompson, Carthage College and Concordia University

Standardized Entropy – A New Measure of Neighborhood Diversity – Charles Zhang, UW-Whitewater

Fulfilling the Promise of Sociology: Using Paradigms to Solve Society's Threatening Problems – Andrew Plotkin, Western Wisconsin Technical College

Session 1C – **On New Directions in International Research**, Hilger Hall Oak Room B – Presider TBA

Regime Type and the Effectiveness of United Nations Peace-Keeping Operations – Meheun Nesa, Loyola University

Security, Humanitarianism, and the Reception Dilemmas of Internal Displacement in Ukraine, 2014-2015 – Raphi Rechitsky, National University

Relocating Disaster Prone Chinese Villages – Wayne Thompson, Carthage College

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Session 2 (10:30-11:45am)

Session 2A – **On Case Studies in Applied Sociology**, Boardroom 207, Presider Georgios Loizides, UW-Stout

Panelists: Georgios Loizides & Jeffrey Sweat, UW-Stout, & Sandra Schroer, Muskingum University

Session 2B – **On Social Systems of Support**, Hilger Hall Oak Room A, Presider Paige Miller, UW-River Falls

Social Connections to Fight Elder Abuse – Jayda Harris, UW-Stevens Point

Treatment Alternatives, Diversion, and Drug Treatment Court in Washington County, WI: Recidivism, Access and Equity – Stephan Scholz, UW-Milwaukee, & Andrew Freeman, Washington County Health and Human Services

Session 2C – **On Health**, Hilger Hall Oak Room B, Presider: Loren Wilbers, UW-Whitewater

Health Service-Seeking Behavior among South Asian Immigrants in Illinois: Do Color and Ethnicity Matter? – Juel Miah Md. Abu Said, Loyola University

Moral Foundations and Attitudes on Transgender Inmate Healthcare: General, Counseling, and Gender-Affirming – Leda Kanellakou & Loren Wilbers, UW-Whitewater

Collegiate Stigmas: Attitudes, Beliefs, and Opinions on Mental Illness – Nicole Pingel, UW-Stevens Point

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Luncheon (11:50am-12:20pm)

Ballroom 206

Student & Faculty Awards (12:20-12:30pm)

Presented by Paige Miller, UW-River Falls

Student awards

- My Language, my Country: Study of Language and National Identity Across Ireland and The United States – Mikaela Robarge, UW-LaCrosse
- Alienation In Modern Society From Perspectives of the Past – Peter Hansen, UW-Whitewater
- We're Here, We're Queer: Politics and politics Within a Liberal Arts College Queer Club – Grace E.T. Randall, Ripon College

Faculty awards

- William Sewell Outstanding Scholarship Award – Leda Kanellakou, UW-Whitewater
- Hans O. Mauksch Outstanding Teacher Award – Michael Friedson, UW-Whitewater

Keynote Address (12:30-1:20pm)

Pragmatism and Social Policy: A Consequentialist Approach to Social Equity – Robert Kraig, Ph.D., Executive Director, Citizen Action of Wisconsin

One of the major barriers to addressing chronic structural inequality is a lack of clarity about how to measure success. As a result, success is often defined as the creation and maintenance of programs and initiatives, rather than tangible impacts on relative and absolute social inequality. Using examples from social and environmental policy such as international climate mitigation goals, a planning method in Western Europe called “backcasting,” and child poverty efforts in Great Britain from the late 1990s until 2010, Dr. Kraig will argue that planning backwards from long term outcomes should be at the heart of all social policy planning and public policy discussions.

Poverty Simulation Workshop (1:30-2:30pm)

Facilitated by Wayne Thompson, Carthage College and Concordia University

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Session 3 (2:45-4:00pm)

Session 3A – On Environment, Boardroom 207 - Presider Leda Kanellakou, UW-Whitewater

Climate change, natural resources and conflict: cascading challenges to governance – Leda Kanellakou, UW-Whitewater & Margarita Alario, DePaul University

EcoSociology Field Guide: Presenting an EcoSocial framework to foster personal lifestyle, work, and societal changes – William Tarman-Ramcheck, Carroll University

Make Sure It Is a Golden Skeleton in the Closet: Corporate Environmental Crime and Recidivism within the Treadmill of Law – Matthew Greife, Marquette University

Session 3B – On Emerging Undergraduate Research, Hilger Hall Oak Room A, Presider: Jennifer Huck, Carroll University

Religious Beliefs and Domestic Abuse Among Heterosexual Couples – Madelyn Pitel-Kanehl, Carroll University

Gender and Prosecutorial Misconduct – Grace Kelly, Carroll University

Athletics, Coercion, and Rape Myths - Grace Perret and Jennifer Huck, Carroll University

Session 3C – On Social Inequality, Hilger Hall Oak Room B, Presider Michael Friedson, UW-Whitewater

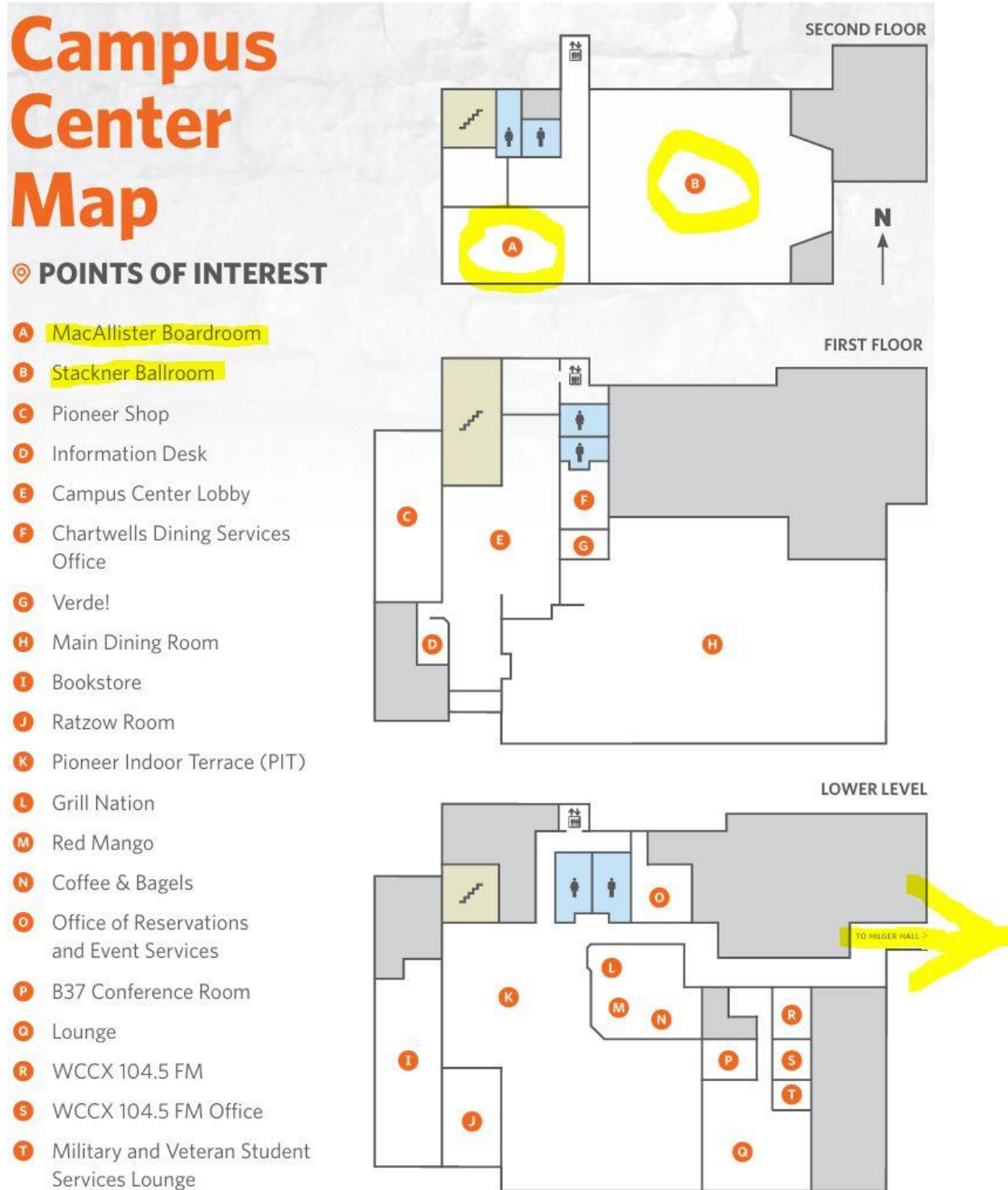
Reading Behind Bars: A Project to Improve Prisoners' Access to Books – Michael Friedson, Vanessa Rivera, Kallie Weber, UW-Whitewater

Public Concern about Crime in a Town with an Increasing Immigrant Population – Michael Friedson, Julien Grayer, Tabitha Whitehead, UW-Whitewater

Social and Cultural Influences on Diet and Disparities in Global Chronic Disease Rates – Carly Meeks, Carroll University

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